

REMARKS

Claims 19-24, 26 and 30-35 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Claims 19 and 22 are amended, and Claim 25 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following Remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the October 6, 2008 telephone Interview. During the Interview, it was agreed that the above amendment to Claim 19 appears to distinguish over the applied art. The sum and substance of the Interview is contained in the above amendments and the following Remarks.

The Office action rejects Claims 19-26 and 30-34 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) over Gorbell (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0077500, hereinafter "Gorbell"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the Interview, the amended Claim 19 appears to distinguish over the Gorbell reference. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office action rejects Claims 20-22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, Claim 20 is amended to provide proper antecedent basis, and Claim 25 is canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Chuo believe anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper have already been identified. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, permission is given to charge account number 07-0868 in the name of General Electric Company.

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